

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 9, 2022

TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee
Adam McGough (Chair), Cara Mendelsohn (Vice Chair), Tennell Atkins, Jesse Moreno,
Jaime Resendez, Casey Thomas, Gay Donnell Willis

SUBJECT **September 28, 2022, City Council Draft Agenda Item #54; 22-1640 SWIFS
Interlocal Agreement**

The following agenda item is scheduled to go before City Council on September 28, 2022.

Draft Agenda Item #54; 22-1640

Authorize an Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County, through Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas, for the provision of forensic, drug, toxicological, environmental, and physical evidence analysis, and other similar medical/forensic analytical services for the period October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023 - estimated amount of \$4,100,000.00 - Financing: General Fund

BACKGROUND

This action does not encumber funds; the purpose of a price agreement is to establish firm pricing for services, for a specific term, which are ordered on an as needed basis according to annual budgetary appropriations. The estimated amount is intended as guidance rather than a cap on spending under the agreement, so that the need combined with the amount budgeted will determine the amount spent under this agreement.

Beginning in January 2000, the City of Dallas has annually entered into an interlocal agreement with Dallas County for forensic laboratory services through Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas, also known as SWIFS.

SWIFS' services include analysis of drug evidence, Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) analysis and comparison, microscopic (trace) evidence analysis, and identification of fire accelerants. These services are vital to the successful investigation and prosecution of crime.

The proposed Interlocal Agreement will provide services from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023. The \$4,100,000.00 cost is shared between Dallas Police Department \$4,090,000.00 and with the Fire Department \$10,000.00.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On October 11, 2016, City Council authorized renewal of the Interlocal Agreement with

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Dallas County, through Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas for the provision of forensic, drug, toxicological, environmental, and physical evidence analysis, and other similar medical/forensic analytical services for the period October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017, by Resolution No. 16-1676.

On September 13, 2017, City Council authorized renewal of the Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County, through Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas for the provision of forensic, drug, toxicological, environmental, and physical evidence analysis, and other similar medical/forensic analytical services for the period October 1, 2017, through September 30, 2018, by Resolution No. 17-1437.

On September 12, 2018, City Council authorized renewal of the Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County, through Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas for the provision of forensic, drug, toxicological, environmental, and physical evidence analysis, and other similar medical/forensic analytical services for the period October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019, by Resolution No. 18-1281.

On September 25, 2019, City Council authorized renewal of the Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County, through Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas for the provision of forensic, drug, toxicological, environmental, and physical evidence analysis, and other similar medical/forensic analytical services for the period October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2020, by Resolution No. 19-1525.

On October 28, 2020, City Council authorized renewal of the Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County, through Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas for the provision of forensic, drug, toxicological, environmental, and physical evidence analysis, and other similar medical/forensic analytical services for the period October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021, by Resolution No. 20-1724.

On September 22, 2021, City Council authorized renewal of the Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County, through Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas for the provision of forensic, drug, toxicological, environmental, and physical evidence analysis, and other similar medical/forensic analytical services for the period October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2022, by Resolution No. 21-1513.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2021	FY 2022	Future Years
General Fund	\$4,100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$	\$0.00	\$0.00

Should you have any questions regarding this item, please contact me at (214) 670 5299.

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